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### Young riders highly vulnerable; 6-9 pm is most dangerous period on road; maximum cases of hit-from-back collisions recorded — how accidents are taking a toll in city

# A RISKY RIDE

## 4,974 cases and 915 fatalities in city last year

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The recent road accident statistics from the state have revealed that Bengaluru city witnessed the highest number of road accidents last year with 4,974 cases and 915 fatalities. The state recorded 43,440 accidents leading to 12,321 deaths and 52,547 injuries, of which most accounting to 31.64 per cent were on National Highways.

### 2-wheelers at risk

One of the most alarming findings is that two-wheelers are involved in 53.62% of the total accidents. The growing number of motorcycles, particularly in cities like Bengaluru, has made them a significant player in road safety concerns. Experts suggest that two-wheeler riders are often involved in collisions due to factors like speeding, lack of protective gear, and erratic driving behaviour.

Experts say youngsters are a particularly vulnerable lot as many start their careers at this stage and they're figuring out their career path, work-life balance, and settling into their professional lives.

DCP Traffic East Kuldeep Kumar Jain told BM that mobility is key for this age group, and owning a vehicle plays a crucial role.

"This age group has the highest usage of two-wheelers, which are involved in 50% of accidents. With 66% of total vehicles being two-wheelers, this group dominates the roads, making them more prone to accidents due to both their need for mobility and the high volume of vehicles in use."

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> —Kuldeep Kumar Jain, DCP Traffic East

While the heavy vehicles, such as trucks and buses, caused 5.81% of the accidents, four-wheelers such as cars, jeeps, and vans on the other hand were responsible for 20.58% of the incidents.

### Peak hour stress

The data also revealed that accidents are more likely to

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# Shady scrubs

## Raids uncover 623 fake doctors in state, lead to closure of 2,000+ illegal clinics, labs

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The Health Department has uncovered a total of 623 fake doctors across the state this year and is taking action against them. Most of these fake practitioners have been found in regions like Kolar, Vijayapura, and Tumakuru.
In light of recurring incidents of female foeticide cases in the state, the health department, along with its officials, has been conducting raids. These raids have not only revealed fake doctors but have also resulted in the closure of over 2,000 illegal clinics and laboratories.

### Authentic or fake?

Sources said that in Karnataka, allopathic doctors are required to register with the Karnataka Medical Council (KMC) or under the Karnataka Private Medical Establishments (KPME) Act. Alternatively, AYUSH practitioners must be registered with either the AYUSH Board or the Karnataka Ayurvedic and Unani Practitioner's Board. Those operating outside of these registrations are considered fake, according to health department officials. As a result of these findings, the health department has intensified its efforts

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## 2 THINGS TO DO

### 01 Game on

Join the State Level Wheelchair Tennis Tournament 2024, hosted by the Karnataka Wheelchair Tennis Association. This exciting event showcases the talent and determination of specially-abled players in singles and doubles matches. The tournament features esteemed guests, including Chief Guest Shri Makeshwar Rao, IAS, and Guest of Honour Shri Sudharshan Karle. **Where- KSLTA Tennis Stadium, Cubbon Park; When- October 27, 1.30 pm**

### 02 Urban poetics

Explore the fusion of science and poetry at this unique writing workshop, part of bangaloREsidency by Goethe-Institut. Led by cross-disciplinary artist Frida Teller, participants will transform scientific insights into poetic expressions, capturing the emotional layers of urban change. This session invites you to make meaningful connections between art and science. **Where: Indian Institute of Human Settlements (IIHS), Armane Nagar; When: October 28, 5-7 pm**

# City's 80 PM 2.5 hotspots identified

## Study shows industrial zones, traffic junctions, construction sites are most polluted

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An emission hotspot study conducted by the National Institute of Advanced Studies (NIAS) in Bengaluru has found that the city has 80 locations with high levels of particulate matter (PM) 2.5 emission. Out of the 80 polluted locations, Bingipura, Sankey Road, KCDC, Hebbal, Mehkri Circle, Bommasandra, Mavallipura, Jiganbi, Shanti Nagar, Veerasandra were identified as the ten most potent emission hotspots. According to the study, the dominant sources for these hotspots include industrial zones, traffic junctions, construction sites, and solid waste management facilities. The majority (20 each) are traffic and industrial hotspots, followed by biofuel (15 hotspots), resuspended dust (13 hotspots), and diesel generators (7 hotspots).

### Dusty roads

Researchers have also revealed that the total annual particulate emissions in the city in 2023-24 reached 113 Gg/year for PM10 and 68 Gg/year in the case of PM2.5. While the transport sector emerged as the most dominant contributor to PM2.5, accounting for 39% of the total, resuspended dust turned out to be the largest contributor (40%) of PM10, followed by transportation (24%). The emission inventory suggests that the emissions are greater towards the centre of the city and taper off towards the periphery. The study was conducted across the Bengaluru urban district with the help of drone-based video and photo imaging technology combined with Artificial intelligence-based Machine Learning. In all, about 300 drone sorties were carried out. Additionally, manual data collection and a questionnaire-based survey amongst slums, households, traffic signal personnel, shopkeepers, and street vendors, were also conducted. Researchers gathered high-resolution videos at major traffic intersections, slums, landfills, etc. Secondary data to conduct the study was collected from agencies such as Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB), India Stat, Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), Karnataka Slum Development Board (KSDB), Karnataka Small-Scale Industries Development Corporation (KSSIDC), and OpenStreetMap, etc.

**Separate lanes for slow vehicles are suggested to ease traffic, cut emissions**

### Measures to mitigate PM emission

The study also highlights key measures to mitigate PM emissions in the city. Improvements in traffic management, infrastructure, power supply, industrial emissions control, and waste management practices are some recommendations made by the researchers.

According to researchers, a traffic mix of slow-moving low-speed and high-speed vehicles is one of the major hurdles in a smooth flow of traffic leading to high emissions. They suggest a separate lane or an alternative pathway for slow-speed vehicles like three-wheelers, lorries, and overloaded minitrucks.

"Bengaluru has many bus stops without a side bay. This makes city buses stop suddenly, causing traffic jams or impacting the flow. Hence, creating bus bays is essential. Roundabouts at busy intersections are likely to smoothen traffic flow, reducing emission," noted the study.

Integration of metro and dedicated bus services has also been recommended to ensure last-mile connectivity. The study further reveals that the usage of wood and coal for industrial heating needs to transition to cleaner fuels.

# Pet-friendly Deepavali on their minds

## Citizens start using name tags, stocking up on anti-anxiety meds to keep strays safe

Negative impacts of firecrackers on animals are severe

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With Deepavali approaching, animal welfare workers in the city are taking various measures to ensure the safety of community dogs in their area.

From putting QR codes on collars to attaching name tags and administering homeopathic medicines, animal lovers and caretakers across the city are doing all they can to ensure they can locate lost and missing animals after the festival.

Niveditha Shetty, a resident of Rajajinagar, says she plans to keep community animals in her area calm by administering homeopathic medicine. Over 20 stray dogs in the area are on a strict regimen of two dosages of anti-anxiety homeopathic drugs.

"They have been on anti-anxiety medication since the 25th of this month. This was after I noticed many street dogs in my area going berserk during the Dasara festival. The goddess was being taken for immersion along with fireworks, and the animals were running amok, looking for a safe place to hide," said Shetty, who is a caretaker for nearly a hundred community animals in the area.

Shetty is also putting reflective collars on her community animals and tagging them with her name and contact number.

"Tagging the collars has come in handy in the past. Last Deepavali, I lost one of my street dogs named Bosco. Luckily, I had tagged him. After a few days of Bosco going missing, I received a call from a hotel owner a few blocks away telling me that Bosco had been hiding in his hotel for days," recalled Shetty.

Vidhya Thiagarajan of Pride Layout in Bannerghatta has decided to leave her front gate open this year. She is also using zip tags to secure reflective collars on her community animals.

"Last year, we collared all ten street dogs, but they took them off. This time we have ordered a better quality collar and used zip locks to secure them. I will also leave the gate of my compound wall open, in case they would like to take shelter away from firecrackers," said Thiagarajan.

Apart from these, some caretakers are also spreading awareness about the negative impacts of firecrackers on animals.

"I have tagged 25 street dogs with my name and number written on reflective collars on them. However, it is important to educate people and spread awareness about how firecrackers cause anxiety and fear in animals," said Dolly Priyanka, a resident of C Palya.

Animal welfare workers and a city-based NGO have written to the Chief Secretary of the Government of Karnataka requesting stricter rule enforcement and public awareness campaigns highlighting the harmful effects of firecrackers on animals and the environment.

"High Court and Supreme Court rulings have banned both the sale and use of non-green crackers. No firecracker above a 125-decibel sound level is allowed and should not be used after 10 pm. There is a lot of air and noise pollution during Deepavali, which affects animals apart from senior citizens suffering from ailments. Animals, including pets, are petrified, leading to anxiety issues," said Vinod Jacob, Namma Bengaluru Foundation, the NGO that has raised the issue.

# This festival, make sure only eco-friendly crackers are sold: CM tells DCs

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Saturday said the sale of eco-friendly green crackers alone should be allowed in the state this Deepavali. Also, there should be no harm, injuries or deaths due to fire crackers in the state, he underlined during a meeting with the deputy commissioners of all the districts. "Deepavali is approaching. The Supreme Court has given guidelines on what kind of crackers should be burst. Only green crackers should be sold and they should be burst from 8 pm to 10 pm," Siddaramaiah briefed reporters after the meeting. The deputy commissioners have been directed to carry out inspections at cracker shops.

# NGT norms essential for apartment water supply

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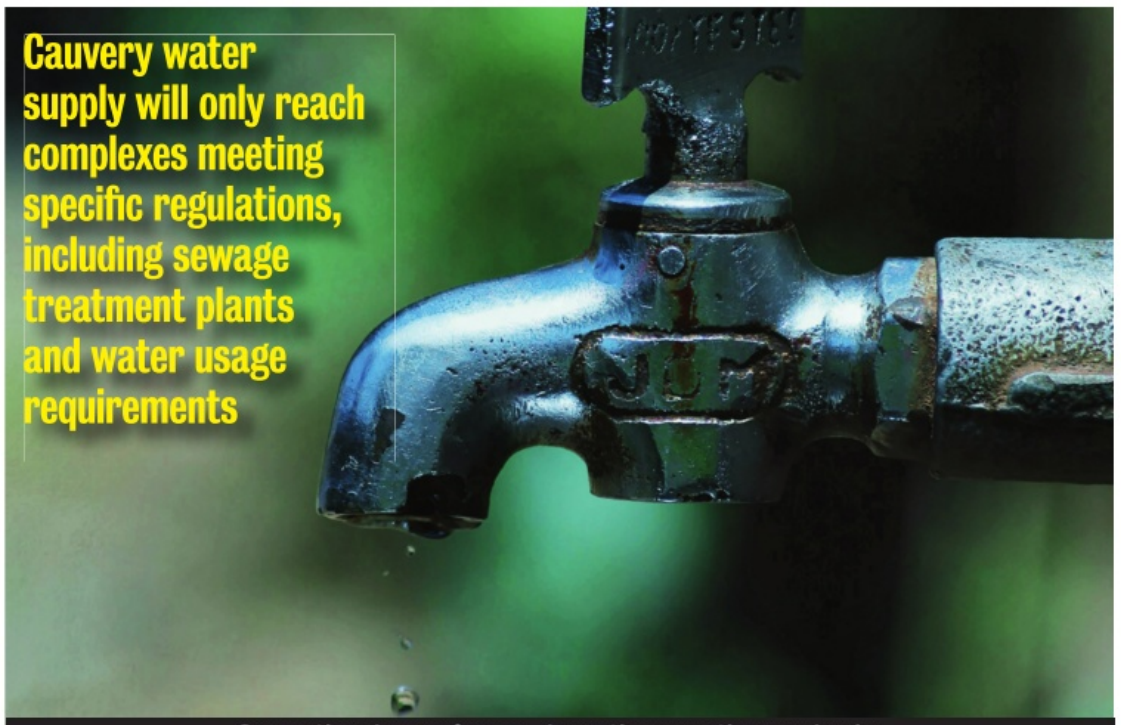
Cauvery water supply will only reach complexes meeting specific regulations, including sewage treatment plants and water usage requirements
Connection charges for non-domestic properties vary by size

The fifth stage of the Cauvery water supply is expected to provide significant relief to apartments struggling to secure water. However, compliance with National Green Tribunal (NGT) norms is essential for them to receive this water. The Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) has implemented the Cauvery Stage 5 project, with a focus on supplying water to Bengaluru's BBMP (Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike) jurisdiction, including 110 villages. After 17 years of waiting, these areas now have access to drinking water from the Cauvery. The BWSSB is ready to provide water to the 55,000 connections already established and plans to extend new connections to applicants within 15 to 30 days. However, BWSSB has decided to provide Cauvery water connections to apartments only if they comply with National Green Tribunal (NGT) regulations. Apartments with more than 120 flats are required to have a sewage treatment plant (STP) and must use at least 30% of treated water for non-drinking purposes. Furthermore, aerators must be installed on all taps. Only apartments meeting these criteria will be eligible for water connections. The BWSSB plans to supply water to apartments based on average consumption, providing water two to three times a week.

Sources said that the board also urged residents not to rely on middlemen for new connections. The BWSSB launched an awareness campaign to inform the public that applications can be submitted online via the BWSSB website or offline. Additionally, the board is opening help centres to guide the public through the process. Currently, BWSSB is supplying 150 MLD of water to the 55,000 connections under the Cauvery Stage 5 project, with plans to pump 755 MLD once all 110 villages are fully connected. The ongoing campaign aims to provide water to 50 lakh people through 4 lakh connections across the region.

> **Properties up to 600 square feet are charged Rs 15,000; 600-1,200 square feet are charged Rs 30,000; 1,200-2,400 square feet are charged Rs 50,000**
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> –Official

"For non-domestic properties such as educational institutions, hospitals, and nursing homes, the connection charges are structured based on the size of the property. For properties up to 600 square feet, the charge is 10,000, while properties between 600-1200 square feet are charged 20,000. Properties that fall between 1200 and 2400 square feet are required to pay 30,000. Commercial properties follow a similar fee structure, with buildings between 1200-2400 square feet being charged 40,000. For properties exceeding 2400 square feet, a charge of 16 per square foot is applicable. In the case of industries, offices, and call centres, the connection charges are also based on the property's size. Properties up to 600 square feet are charged 15,000, while those between 600-1200 square feet are charged 30,000. Properties between 1200-2400 square feet incur a charge of 50,000. For buildings exceeding 2400 square feet, the connection fee is calculated at 10 per square foot. This structure is designed to standardise the charges for various non-domestic properties and ensure appropriate fees based on the property's usage and size," said an official.

# Enforcement not enough if riders don't stick to rules

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occur during peak traffic hours, particularly between 6 pm and 9 pm, accounting for 21.47% of accidents. This is followed closely by the 3-6 pm. (in the afternoon) period, which sees 17.45% of the accidents. These figures indicate that peak hour stress and anxiety while navigating congested roads contribute significantly to road mishaps.

As traffic volume increases during these times, experts said that motorists often exhibit aggressive driving behaviours, while fatigue and pressure to reach destinations quickly can lead to fatal mistakes.

## Types of road accidents

Among the different types of road accidents reported, hit-from-back collisions emerged as the most common, with 11,483 cases in 2023. This type of accident alone claimed 3,192 lives, marking a 17.08% increase from the previous year. Vehicle-to-vehicle collisions followed closely with 31,036 cases and 8,248 deaths, while vehicle-to-pedestrian accidents accounted for 8,089 cases, killing 2,418 individuals. The age group most affected by these fatal accidents is 25 to 35 years, highlighting the vulnerability of younger adults, who are often more active on the roads.

## Role of AI

The introduction of AI-based enforcement systems is expected to play a crucial role in reducing accident rates in Bengaluru. These systems can detect traffic violations in real-time, such as speeding, lane violations, and jumping signals, and automatically issue fines.

Currently, AI-based cameras are being installed at 50 key junctions across the city, targeting high-traffic areas to reduce violations. The goal is to improve road safety by encouraging better adherence to traffic rules.

AI-based camera are now being installed at 50 major city junctions to monitor high traffic areas

Authorities believe that if motorists follow proper traffic etiquette, the number of violations at these junctions will significantly decrease.

In addition to this, sectional speed detectors have been installed on the NICE Road and Mysuru Highway. These devices calculate a vehicle's average speed over a section of road, helping to curb speeding, which is one of the primary causes of accidents. The initiative has already shown promise in reducing accidents along these highways.

But the process of implementing these AI-based cameras on certain accident-prone areas and roads is being discussed. "As of now, AI-based enforcement is in place at various junctions in the city. In the future, we're considering obtaining licences to expand this AI enforcement to specific accident-prone roads or areas. The process is underway, and we'll be able to selectively implement these systems where they're most needed," said Kuldeep.

While technological interventions are crucial, officials emphasise that road safety also depends on motorists adhering to traffic regulations. A combination of enforcement and responsible driving is needed to further reduce accidents and ensure safer roads.

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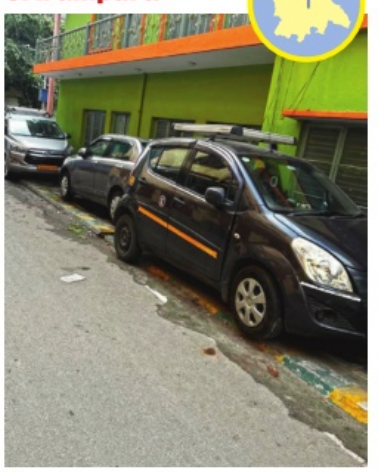
## Mosquito menace
Jayanagar

Mosquitoes are swarming near National College Bridge, emerging from a broken drainage near the petrol bunk.

## Banner blockade
Hesaraghatta Road

Large flex banners are blocking the footpath at the entrance of Sapthagiri Medical College on Hesaraghatta Road.

## Parking peril
Srirampura


Illegal taxi parking near Shwetha Mahal in Srirampura is blocking the footpath, and hindering pedestrians, despite numerous complaints to the police.

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# City to host two big-ticket events in February 2025

## Invest Karnataka 2025 and Aero India air show will be held simultaneously this year, which can be seen as unique occurrence

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Bengaluru is set to host two big-ticket events in the first quarter of the next year. The global investors' summit 'Invest Karnataka 2025' and the 'Aero India' air show will be held simultaneously this time, with the capital city of Bengaluru preparing to host distinguished guests and industry leaders from India and abroad. The investors' summit is scheduled from February 12 to 14, while the Aero India air show will take place from February 10 to 14. The fact that both grand international events are happening at the same time is seen as a unique occurrence.

The dates for the three-day Invest Karnataka 2025 summit were announced well in advance to attract investments to the state. However, the dates for Aero India were later fixed to coincide with the same period. The state government views this dual event hosting as both a challenge and a rare opportunity. High-level sources have confirmed that there is no plan to postpone the Invest Karnataka summit, and will proceed as scheduled.

**While many believe that two events will benefit investment related activities, managing accommodation and other hospitality challenges will be critical**

The Aero India air show, jointly organised by the Ministry of Defence, Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL), and the Ministry of Civil Aviation, will see participation from major aircraft manufacturers from across the world. It is believed that Invest Karnataka will complement Aero India by opening doors for investments in the aerospace and aviation sectors, which have been identified as key areas of focus in the state. The Karnataka government is also eyeing significant investments in green hydrogen, semiconductors, and aerospace sectors. With Aero India taking place at the same time, the state is optimistic about the synergy between the two

However, questions have been raised about whether it is feasible to host two large-scale international events simultaneously. Managing accommodation and other hospitality challenges will be critical. Despite these concerns, the state government remains firm on holding the investment summit on the pre-announced dates. An official said that further clarity on this matter of hosting two events is expected once the Minister of Industries, who is currently abroad, returns to the state.

Huge crowd gathered on the fourth day of Aero India 2023 at Yelahanka Air Force Station in Bengaluru (FIle photo)

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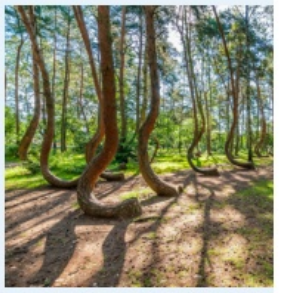

The Crooked Forest, also known as the "Fairy Tale Forest" by locals, is a cluster of over 100 uniquely curved pine trees located near the village of Nowe Czarnowo in Gmina Gryfino, Poland. Nearly all of the trees point north, and they were planted around 1930 when they were 7–10 years old. Although the precise cause of their peculiar shape is still unknown, a number of suggestions have been put up. According to some, the trees were purposefully fashioned to produce naturally bent lumber for particular uses. Others speculate that the odd growth pattern may have resulted from local foresters experimenting with various planting methods. The young trees may have grown in their current shape because they were bent by a strong blizzard. According to some scientists, the trees' growth may have been impacted by certain soil conditions or genetic reasons. The precise reason behind the Crooked Forest's unusual look is still unknown, despite a number of ideas. It is a mysterious natural phenomenon that continues to draw tourists and academics from all over the world.

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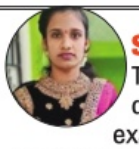
### How has the local art scene in Bengaluru influenced your perspective or interests?

**Raju G, BM Reader**
The art scene in Bengaluru, marked by events such as the Bangalore International Film Festival, has a profound impact on shaping diverse perspectives. They serve as a platform for showcasing talent & celebrating creativity.



**Shilpa T, BM Reader**
The art scene in Bengaluru is as diverse as the city itself. One such example is the underpass and under flyover art designs, like the ones at Dairy Circle. These public spaces have been transformed into canvases for local artists.

**Malashetty G, BM Reader**
The local art scene in Bengaluru influences my perspective quite immensely, as exhibitions and museums in the city give information about our history and heritage. They give an idea and knowledge about past happenings.

**Venkataraju K, BM Reader**
The city is home to numerous art galleries, such as the National Gallery of Modern Art and the Artwaley Gallery, which showcase a diverse range of art forms. These spaces also contribute to the city's cultural richness.

**Abhilash U, BM Reader**
Bengaluru's vibrant art scene has also sparked my interest in exploring different art forms. The city offers numerous art workshops and classes, providing opportunities for individuals to learn as well.

**Govindaraju N, BM Reader**
The art scene in Bengaluru has highlighted the role of art in fostering community engagement. Art festivals and exhibitions often serve as platforms for people to connect over shared interests.

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# Bluetooth, fake names used in exam scam

## Chargesheet reveals RD Patil's involvement through bribery and evidence destruction

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The chargesheet filed by the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) in connection with the First Division Assistant (FDA) and Second Division Assistant (SDA) exam scam conducted by the Karnataka Examinations Authority (KEA) reveals that RD Patil, the kingpin of the scam, had devised three different ways to mislead the police. According to the chargesheet, Patil had handed over a mobile SIM card to Sagar Hanchinal, the 11th accused, and instructed him to travel to different states.

### Use of bluetooth devices and proxy names

To prevent the police from gathering any leads on the exam scam, bluetooth devices were ordered under false names and addresses from Haryana and sent to Sagar Hanchinal by courier. Patil also purchased SIM cards using other people's identities. Following the discovery of the bluetooth devices and walkie-talkies used in the fraud, an FIR was filed. Despite this, Patil continued devising new strategies to evade arrest, according to the chargesheet.

### Mobile phones thrown into rivers

The chargesheet also reveals that several of the accused attempted to destroy evidence by discarding their mobile phones into rivers. Patil erased all data from a phone used to share exam answers and disposed of it in the Bhima River. Basavaraj Yalavar, the 15th accused and a warden at a government boys' hostel in Chikkaballapur, was closely associated with Patil. Yalavar, along with other accused, allegedly leaked the question papers. Acting on his instructions, Patil reached out to various candidates in cities like Hyderabad, Bengaluru, Lucknow, and Pune.

### Misuse in political campaigning

The chargesheet mentions that in the 2023 Karnataka Assembly elections, RD Patil contested from Afzalpur constituency as a candidate for the Samajwadi Party. Many youths reportedly campaigned for him, hoping for government jobs in return. Some of them, including Baburao Jamadar and Umesh Edage, who were caught using bluetooth devices at the Yadgir exam centre, actively participated in his campaign. These individuals now face imprisonment.

Accused discarded phones in rivers to destroy evidence

### Promises of bribes lead to arrests

Santosh Kalkolli, a private school teacher from Kalaburagi, was tasked with leaking the question papers at the Afzalpur exam centre in exchange for a promise of 2 lakh. However, he never received the money and was arrested when the scam came to light. The chargesheet also mentions that Patil was introduced to the scam's key accused, Divya Hagargi, through Kashinath, the principal of Jnana Bharathi School.

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## Scammers scheme to hit where it hurts most — why digital arrest, investment cons are on the rise

# PREYING ON FEAR & GREED

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Bengaluru, like many other cities in India, is witnessing a surge in new-age scams that are targeting unsuspecting victims. Two such scams gaining traction in the city are digital arrests and investment frauds, both of which rely heavily on psychological manipulation.

The ease of access to personal data through data breaches and the dark web enables criminals to manipulate victims with personalised details. Chetan Anand, National Cyber Security Scholar and Cyber Crime Intervention Officer (CCIO), shed light on these sophisticated frauds.

### Exploiting fear

Digital arrest scams involve scammers using fear tactics to exploit victims. Chetan Anand says the scam usually begins with a victim getting a call from someone pretending to represent a courier company or a similar service. The caller alleges that a suspicious package, often linked to illegal substances or criminal activity, has been found in the victim's name or address. This call quickly escalates as the victim is connected to a so-called law enforcement officer who accuses them of involvement in an international smuggling case.

To make the scam believable, the scammers share personal information about the victim, such as bank details or official documents. The scam often progresses over a few days, with the supposed law enforcement officer applying relentless pressure, warning the victim of imminent arrest.

Victims are coerced into sharing sensitive information such as Aadhaar numbers, PAN details, and even social media credentials. "The psychology behind this scam is fear," says Chetan, who is also trained and certified by ISAC on Cyber Psychology, empanelled under National Security Database. "The scammers create a sense of urgency, making it difficult for victims to think rationally or verify the authenticity of the call." In many cases, victims are pressured into paying money after being falsely accused of serious crimes like child trafficking.

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### Playing on greed

Meanwhile investment frauds prey on victims' greed. These scams typically begin on social media, where scammers launch reconnaissance missions to monitor potential victims over time, particularly those who are unemployed or looking for new opportunities. Victims are offered training on how to invest and are promised exceptionally high returns.

The first step usually involves the victim being added to WhatsApp or Telegram groups, where they are introduced to a fake investment platform. Scammers create a convincing platform where victims can seemingly track their investments and see apparent returns. To build trust, scammers provide initial returns, encouraging the victims to invest more.

As the scam progresses, victims are asked to provide personal information such as Aadhaar and PAN numbers for verification purposes. Eventually, the scammers offer lucrative offers and larger investments, promising even higher returns. Many victims continue to invest, sometimes exhausting their savings, retiral amounts, pledging gold or taking out loans.

By the time the victim realises something is wrong, they can no longer withdraw their money—they are already trapped. Scammers often demand additional investments such as fake income tax, green tax and investment to improve the investment scores to "release" the victim's funds, prolonging the scam until the victim can no longer comply.

Chetan explains, "The psychology of greed makes this scam so effective. Victims believe they are on the verge of a significant financial gain and end up losing everything."

### Precautionary measures

"If you receive a call from an unknown number claiming to be from a courier company or law enforcement, never trust it", says Chetan, and in such cases, one should immediately hang up and report the matter using the National Cyber Crime Reporting Portal: https://cybercrime.gov.in or by calling 1930 and visiting the nearest Cybercrime, Economic offenses, Narcotics (CEN) police station.

Remember that no genuine CBI officer or police officer or an authority would call to notify you of an arrest.

Avoid sharing any personal information like Aadhaar or PAN number, or bank information. Legitimate authorities or companies will never request such details over the phone. If scammers know your personal information, do not panic or believe them.

Regularly monitor your bank statements and enable two-factor authentication for added security. It is also advisable to use licensed antivirus software, which can not only help detect any malware in your device, but also alerts you of insecure links, suspected spam calls and helps to enable additional layers of security over apps.

In case of investments, it is crucial to be mindful about where and how much one invests.

"If you fall victim to fraud, don't shy away from reporting it to the authorities and family due to feelings of shame or embarrassment. It is important for families to show empathy and provide support to the victim during such trying times," said Chetan.

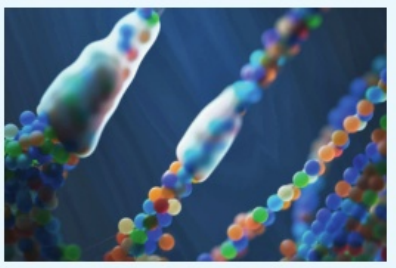
### CopConnect Cafés

These serve as a helping hand for local communities, offering a secure environment where individuals can seek help and awareness regarding cybersecurity.

Established by the Information Sharing and Analysis Centre (ISAC), in partnership with organizations like Zscaler, CopConnect Cafés aim to equip citizens with the knowledge they need to prevent cyber crimes before they happen. The cafés offer expert guidance from Cybercrime First Responders and specialists.

Additionally, they focus on cybersecurity education, certifying students and faculty as Cybersecurity First Responders to support their communities.

## AI in our DNA



AI in genomics is transforming the landscape of engineering, leading to significant innovations in bioinformatics, synthetic biology, and medical device development. The integration of AI technologies into these areas is enhancing our ability to analyse and manipulate genomic data for various applications.

In bioinformatics, engineers are developing AI-driven algorithms that improve the analysis of genomic data. These algorithms enhance processes such as sequence alignment, variant calling, and annotation, making it easier to interpret complex genomic information.

In the realm of synthetic biology, AI tools play a crucial role in designing genetic circuits and optimising metabolic pathways. This application facilitates the creation of microorganisms tailored for bioproduction, significantly advancing bioengineering efforts.

Genome assembly has also benefited from advanced AI techniques, which improve the accuracy of reconstructing complex genomes from sequencing data. This innovation is vital for researchers aiming to understand genetic diversity and disease mechanisms.

Additionally, predictive modeling for protein structure leverages AI to forecast protein structures and functions based on genomic sequences. This capability aids in the engineering of proteins for therapeutic and industrial purposes, expanding the horizons of biotechnology.

The integration of AI into automated laboratory systems enhances genomic workflows. By streamlining processes and increasing throughput, these systems improve precision in genetic experiments, leading to faster and more reliable results.

Furthermore, AI is instrumental in developing personalized medical devices. Using genomic data, engineers can design devices and diagnostics tailored to individual genetic profiles, paving the way for more effective and customised treatments.

The use of AI approaches also enhances genetic data security. By ensuring the safe storage and transmission of genomic information, these technologies help maintain privacy and comply with regulatory standards.

These applications underscore the intersection of AI, genomics, and engineering, driving advancements that enhance research capabilities and practical applications in health and biotechnology. As this field continues to evolve, the potential for innovation remains vast, promising exciting developments in medicine and biological research.

**—By Cathryn Maria John, Christ University, Kengeri**

# Mourning woman turns out to be murder mastermind

## Police uncover tale of treachery as woman, lover and 3 others arrested for murder of her husband

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In a chilling twist, the Bellandur police have arrested five individuals, including a woman named Nagaratna (27), who had earlier filed a tearful complaint over her husband's murder. Investigations have revealed that she orchestrated his killing in a sinister plot involving her lover and hired assassins.

The murder, which occurred on October 14, near Bhoganahalli Lake under the Bellandur Police Station's jurisdiction, initially appeared to be a tragic case of a man found dead under mysterious circumstances. The couple, who worked as gardeners and hailed from Karuru village in Siruguppa taluk, Ballari, had been living with their two young children in a labour shed near the lake. Both Nagaratna and her husband Tippesha were known to the locals as humble workers trying to make ends meet.

On the morning of the murder, Tippesha left their home around 8.30 am, heading to his workplace at Adarsh Company to collect some money. Hours later, Nagaratna, who was at the shed with their children, received a shocking call from a local, informing her that her husband's body had been discovered in the Nilgiri grove near the lake.

Nagaratna rushed to the scene, crying over Tippesha's body and pleading for answers. The sight of the blood-stained clothes and injuries on her husband's neck, face, and chest left many locals sympathising with her apparent grief.

However, the Bellandur police uncovered the truth through their investigation. It was revealed that Nagaratna had been having an affair and had hired killers, including her lover, to murder Tippesha. The plan had been set in motion weeks earlier, with Nagaratna plotting her husband's death and masking her involvement with a carefully staged act of mourning.

The police arrested Nagaratna along with five other accomplices, including her lover, for their role in the murder-for-hire plot. The group had lured Tippesha to the isolated Nilgiri grove, where they attacked him, leaving him dead.

### Auto driver accused of harassment

A Rapido auto driver allegedly harassed a woman passenger over her inability to communicate in Kannada. The incident occurred when the woman booked a ride, but the driver, frustrated by the language barrier, asked her to cancel the booking. When she refused, the driver reportedly sent her abusive text messages.

The woman's husband, Taral Shah, took to social media platform X to bring attention to the incident, tagging Rapido's official handles. He expressed outrage over the driver's conduct, stating, "You have a very abusive auto driver who harassed my wife just because she is not fluent in Kannada. He refused to accept her ride and asked us to cancel. When we didn't, he became offensive."

Shah also tagged the Bengaluru City Police, seeking advice on the next steps, stating that the auto driver's behavior was unacceptable and abusive.

Shah then filed a formal police complaint against the driver, urging action.

### Couple arrested for blackmail

A couple was arrested by the Central Crime Branch (CCB) for blackmailing a man and demanding ₹20 lakh. The victim's son filed a complaint with the CCB, stating that his father had been befriended by a woman who initiated regular conversations with him, including video calls. Over time, the woman, along with her husband, started threatening the victim with dire consequences and demanded the hefty sum.

On the day of the incident, the couple arranged to meet the victim near Garuda Mall. However, acting on a tip-off, CCB officers set up a trap and arrested both suspects at the spot.

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## Kolar seems to be hub of fake docs

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by conducting raids on clinics and laboratories across the state. Multiple teams have been formed to thoroughly inspect records and certificates, with a focus on identifying fake doctors. To date, the department has registered 35,123 doctors. However, 623 fake doctors have been uncovered, leading to the sealing of 193 clinics. Additionally, 89 cases have resulted in fines, and 36 doctors are currently facing legal action.

### Kolar leads

The recent raids from 2023 to September 2024, revealed that Kolar tops the list with 115 fake doctors. Tumakuru follows with 84, Vijayapura with 81, Kalaburagi with 64, Dakshina Kannada with 17, and Udupi with three fake doctors. The health department is now set to take strict action against these fake practitioners. "After the female foeticide cases came to light, the health department intensified its crackdown on fake doctors. However, if action had been taken earlier, it would have prevented a lot of harm. The department should send more staff to the field instead of keeping them confined to their offices," an activist said.

### Penalties

For the first offence, fake doctors face a fine of ₹25,000. A second offence carries a fine of ₹2.5 lakh and one year of imprisonment. If caught a third time, the penalty is ₹5 lakh along with three years of imprisonment. Many of the fake doctors uncovered this time were not from the allopathic field but other medical sectors. Despite multiple notices, some continue to reappear, persisting in their illegal practice.

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## All you need to know about...

*Healthy eating*

**Snacking right**
At home: Apart from fruits, roasted namkeen and roasted whole grains, like wheat, pulses and grams, papad, puffed rice, cucumber crudités, popcorn and yoghurt with fruit are great for curbing sudden hunger pangs.
Outside: Avoid burgers, French fries, pizzas, and even the neighbourhood chaat stall. Idlis, pasta (without cheese and with plenty of veggies), steamed corn, steamed momos, stuffed chilas, fruit chaat, bhel puri and salads (minus the mayo) are good choices.

**Eat fruits**
Pig out on the fruit aisle. When on the go, carry a box of cut fruits as they're quite refreshing, hydrating and healthy as snacks. Eat all the juicy fruits you can find— watermelon, musk melon, berries and lychees. Have only 8 to 10 lychees at a time, as the sugar content in this fruit is high.

**Breakfast keeps you going**
The rule Have a good, filling breakfast, especially if you have a full day of shopping ahead. "A meal rich in carbs and proteins will curb the urge to snack and keep you energised," says Jyoti Arora, team leader, nutrition and dietetics at Artemis Health Institute, Gurgaon.
How to stick to it
Oats, a boiled egg (only the egg white) with wholewheat toast, stuffed rotis, a vegetable sandwich, poha, upma or multigrain cereal with fruit and milk can keep you going for hours.
Pack a light lunch, like a wholewheat bread sandwich, or roti veggie rolls, along with some cut fruits to keep snacking at bay. "Remember to make up for the light lunch with a well-balanced dinner," adds Jyoti. "Also, eat an early dinner to avoid hunger pangs."

—Femina

# FESTIVE FLAVOURS

**Share these homemade delicacies with your loved ones to make the festival even more special**

## KESAR LACHHA RABRI

**INGREDIENTS**
- Whole milk / full-fat milk: 2 litres
- Sugar: 4-5 tbsp or add as required
- Cardamom powder: 1 tsp
- Saffron strands a pinch
- Almonds blanched and sliced: 4 tbsp
- Pistachios blanched and sliced: 4 tbsp

**METHOD**
- Soak almonds and pista in hot water for about 20-30 minutes. Drain the water.
- Remove the peels from the nuts. Slice, sliver, or chop them and set them aside.
- Pour the milk into a heavy-bottomed pan and bring it to a boil over low to medium heat.
- Boil the milk, stirring in between until the milk starts to form a layer of cream (malai) on top.
- When you notice that the cream floating on top, then gently move the cream layer with the back of a spatula, bring it towards the side of the pan and stick it to the pan. Keep the heat to a low and continue to simmer.
- Keep on simmering the milk like this and collecting the cream layer on the sides of a pan, if you want lachhedar rabdi, else you can keep scraping and putting the milk solids back in the milk.
- This process of collecting the cream layer must be repeated several times.
- Also, make sure that you stir the milk gently in between so that the milk does not get burnt from the bottom. (keep in mind that, if you do too much stirring, then you won't get the layers of cream in the rabri.
- Once the milk is reduced to half, add saffron strands and cardamom powder. Stir gently.
- After adding saffron, the colour will change gradually to a beautiful yellow colour.
- Keep collecting the cream and bringing it to the sides of the pan.
- And when the milk gets reduced to 1/3 of its original quantity, add sugar and mix well.
- Let it simmer for another 10 minutes on low flame or until it's reduced to ¼ of the quantity.
- Now scrape off the entire cream layer as well as dried milk solids and add to the thickened milk. Stir gently.
- Switch off the flame and let it cool down. (This process usually takes 2 hours).
- Now add the sliced almonds and pistachios. Stir gently again. (Save a couple of the blanched and slivered nuts aside for garnishing)
- You can serve rabri hot, warm, or at room temperature. In case you want to have it chilled then, keep the Rabdi in the refrigerator for at least 2-3 hours before serving.
- Garnish with chopped nuts and saffron strands before serving.

## DAHI BHALLA PAPDI CHAAT

**INGREDIENTS**

**Bhalla**
- Black Gram Dal/Urad Dal: 1 cup, soaked for 4 hrs
- Ginger: 1 tbsp
- Salt as per taste
- Oil to deep fry
- Sweetened Curd:
- Chilled curd: 3 cups or as needed
- Powdered sugar: 3/4 cup or as needed

**Bhalla Papdi Chaat:**
- Bhalla: 8 nos
- Crisp Papdi: 12 nos
- Salt to taste
- Potatoes medium (boiled and chopped): 2 nos
- Boiled chickpeas: 1/2 cup
- Green chutney: 1/4 cup
- Dates and tamarind chutney: 1/4 cup
- Roasted cumin powder: 1 tsp
- Chaat masala: 1/2 tsp or as per the taste
- Red chilli powder: 1/2 tsp or as per the taste
- Fresh coriander leaves: 2 tbsp
- Nylon Sev as needed
- Pomegranate: 2 tbsp
- Red Chutney (Optional and as per taste for those who like it more spicy)

**METHOD**

**Bhalla**
- Grind the black gram dal with ginger paste with very little water to get a smooth batter.
- Add salt and beat the batter with your fingers against the wall of the bowl. Add a little hot oil and beat once more.
- Drop a dollop of batter in water, if the batter is floating, means the batter is ready to fry.
- Heat oil and fry small balls of the batter till golden brown.
- Immediately put them in a bowl of lukewarm water and let it soak for 8-10 minutes.
- Squeeze excess water from each bhalla and keep it aside.

**Bhalla Papdi Chaat**
- Add salt and sugar to yoghurt and whisk till smooth. Keep it in the refrigerator till use.
- Arrange the papdis on a plate. Place bhallas and some potatoes on each papdi.
- Put some boiled chickpeas over the potatoes and cover with chilled yoghurt.
- Pour a little green chutney and sweet tamarind chutney. For those who like it more spicy, add red chutney.
- Sprinkle a little cumin powder, chaat masala, red chilli powder and salt.
- Garnish with coriander leaves, sev and pomegranate seeds and serve immediately.

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# ANIME FAN

## Rashmika reveals Naruto introduced her to the genre

Actress Rashmika Mandanna revealed that 'Naruto' was her first introduction to Anime and that she was 12, when she got close to the genre.

Rashmika took to her YouTube channel, where she was seen talking about her love for Anime. The actress talked about the genre in her vanity van, while she was getting her hair and make-up done to dress up as an Anime character.

Talking about when she was first introduced to the genre, Rashmika recalled: "That was that one year in my schooling that I was a day boarder. When I used to come back home I did not have friends in my neighborhood to play with... So, I remember going back to my room and sitting and watching TV."

The "Animal" actress shared that she used to really enjoy watching "Dragon Ball Z" and "Pokemon" at that time.

"So, when I was changing the channel I found Animax and it was the time they were playing 'Naruto'. So, Naruto was my first introduction to anime. Cut to I watched season 1 I think and on TV then they stopped."After it stopped airing on television, the actress did her research and watched over 600 episodes of "Naruto," a Japanese manga series written and illustrated by Masashi Kishimoto. It tells the story of Naruto Uzumaki, a young ninja who seeks recognition from his peers and dreams of becoming the Hokage, the leader of his village.

"I started googling about it and I read about it and I found a website which had all the episodes and they were some 600-800 episodes," she added.

Asked how old she was, when her tryst with Anime began: "I was around 12 or 13 years old when I first got close to anime." The actress revealed that she has watched over "40 +" Anime series and that she has watched over "25-30 episodes" in just one sitting.

**—IANS**

# Loyalty, fidelity and superstition

**PRAPTHI**
**2.5** RATING ★★½☆☆
- **DIRECTOR** S Mahesh Babu
- **ACTORS** Jayasurya, Gowri Sagar, Nikitha Ram, Monisha Thomas, Kalasa Manjunath, Ajith Jain, Niharika
- **CERTIFICATION** U/A
- **Duration** 130 minutes

Prapthi is based on real incidents. Director S Mahesh Babu has also bankrolled the movie, written lyrics for it and composed music. It deals with dysfunctional families, aspirations, suspicion, love and punishment. It conveys that our fates are pre-destined.

The movie begins with Geetha, a playback singer, visiting her brother along with her daughter Swapna to invite him for a song recording at a studio. Geetha's husband creates problems for her at home suspecting her character. Circumstances compel Geetha to end her life. Her brother takes care of Swapna but his daughter Abhinaya (Gowri Sagar) objects. Swapna suffers from necrophobia. Geetha's uncle approaches Akshay (Jayasurya), a music therapist, to cure Swapna's illness.

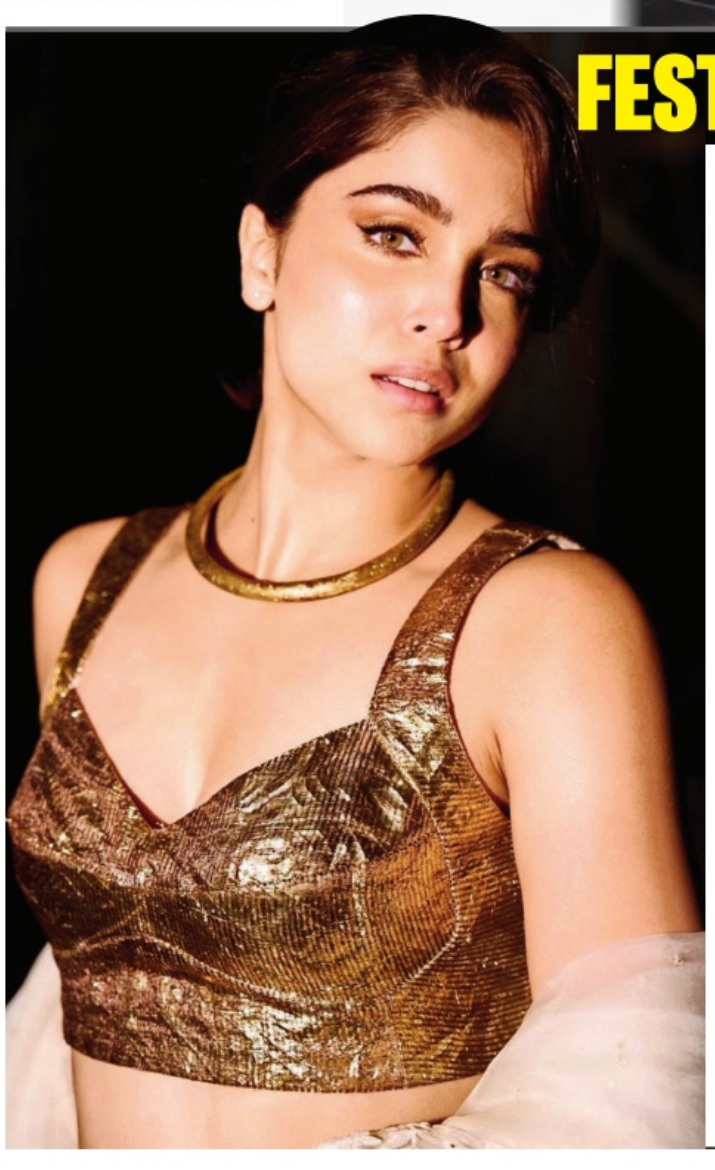
Meanwhile, Abhinaya falls in love with Akshay. She comes to know that Swapna is also in love with Akshay. Both of them come to know that Akshay is a married person and has a daughter. What happens to Swapna and Abhinaya is what Prapthi is all about.

As far as the performances of the actors are concerned, a majority of them are newcomers and they badly needed training to hone their skills. Jayasurya is convincing as a music therapist. Among the heroines, Nikitha Ram has done a better job with her bold performance. The movie conveys a message to society on the ill-effects of alcohol. It encourages married couples to be faithful to each other. It also states that no one can escape from destiny and his/her karma will return.

All in all, you may not miss much if you don't catch this movie.

**—Y Maheswara Reddy**

# FESTIVE GLORY



Bollywood actress Sharvari is soaking in the celebrations for Diwali and looked every inch glowing as she wore an ivory and gold lehenga.

The actress took to Instagram, where she shared a handful of pictures from a photo-shoot. In the images, she is seen wearing double layered ghagra in organza and chanderi completed with gota. She paired it with a lampi gota bralette and an organza dupatta.

"Diwali glitter..." she captioned the images. On October 21, Sharvari serves hot Monday motivation Sharvari posted some serious Monday motivation.

She shared a series of photos on her Instagram where she can be seen playing padel.

"Serving some #MondayMotivation." In the clicks, Sharvari is seen sporting black coloured athleisure paired with white-sneakers.

Sharvari has maintained her successful streak in 2024, starting with the hit film 'Maharaj', followed by a stellar performance in Nikhil Advani's 'Vedaa'. Currently, she is busy shooting for the upcoming project, 'Alpha,' leaving no stone unturned to fully immerse herself in her role.

In this film, she stars opposite Alia Bhatt, directed by Shiv Rawail of 'The Railway Men' fame. Both Alia and Sharvari have been filming in the scenic landscapes of Kashmir.

Sharvari had earlier said that she has been a big fan of Alia ever since she has watched her movies.

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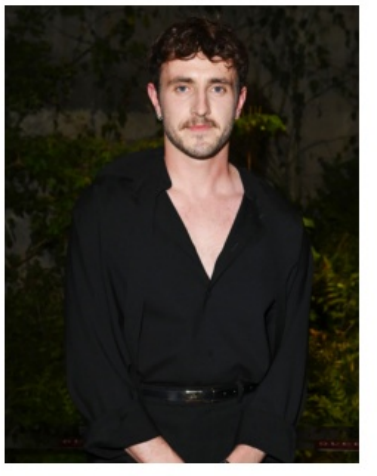
# How Paul got 'ripped'



Hollywood star Paul Mescal admits it was "fun" getting ripped to play Lucius in the upcoming historical epic, Gladiator II and had to "draw a line" on drinking and smoking.

"I ate a lot of chicken and lifted heavy things," Mescal said on "The Graham Norton Show", reports people.com.

While preparing to play the former-royal, who was forced into slavery, the Kildare, Ireland, native worked "with a trainer who circled me like a shark and said, 'There is a canvas to work with.' " Mescal got so muscular that his co-star Pedro Pascal gave him a nickname.

"I call him Brick Wall Paul... He got so strong. I would rather be thrown from a building than have to fight him again," Pascal told Vanity Fair in July. Mescal told Norton his trainer "went to town, and I saw him every day. It was fun."

However, Mescal said to have some caveats when it came to his fitness regimen.

"I did everything he asked, but I like to drink, and I like to smoke, so I drew a line in the sand where those were concerned." Mescal flaunted his abs in the trailer for the film, where he fights a rhino, among others, in the famed Roman Colosseum. But another of Norton's guests disagreed with Mescal's assessment of working out being "fun" – Eddie Redmayne, who recently underwent his own physical transformation, getting shredded to play an assassin in the series "Day of the Jackal".

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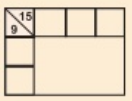
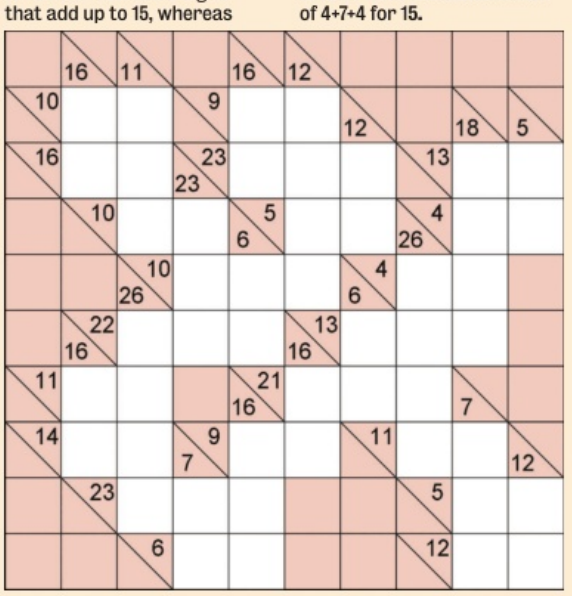
## Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas




for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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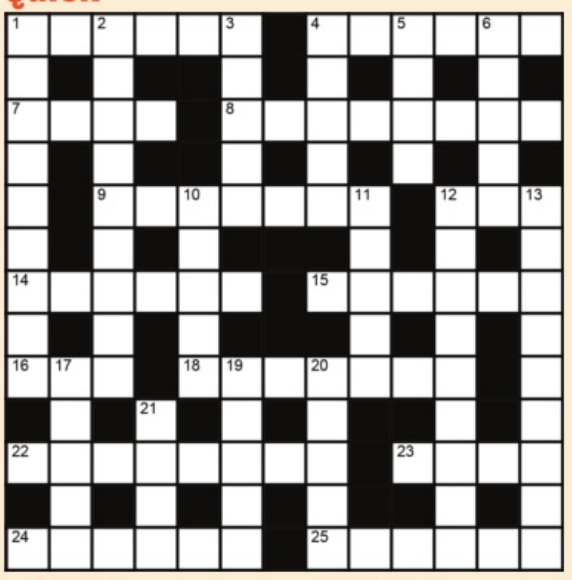


**ACROSS**

1 Swiss cottage (6)
4 Ran slowly (6)
7 Press (4)
8 Sovereign rulers or monarchs (8)
9 This coastal town in North Karnataka is a popular tourist destination (7)
12 Inquire about (3)
14 Pungent vegetables (6)
15 Felt the loss of (6)
16 Giant's curse (3)
18 Sports arena (7)
22 Underworld member (8)
23 East European (4)
24 Bonding alloy (6)
25 Emergency (6)

**DOWN**

1 Raised false alarm? (5,4)
2 Next to (9)
3 Greek letter (5)
4 Far Eastern country (5)
5 Microbe (4)
6 Gains (5)
10 Varieties (5)
11 Proof of innocence (5)
12 Brings together (9)
13 Handle with ___ ___ : treat tactfully? (3,6)
17 NW US state (5)
19 Teach (5)
20 Architectural style (5)
21 Elderly (4)

## Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

**Today's CLUE: D EQUALS P**

BICEC GFN F HCMAYABC DESPCNN OK GIAPI SYC XFHC DCSDUC AYBS MEACYHN, FYH AB AYLSULCH BFURAYZ BS BICX FYH UANBCYAYZ BS BICX MSE ISQEN FB F BAXC

## Linemaro

Are you wifi? I'm feeling the connection

## Mindchow

There is no lift to success; you have to take the stairs

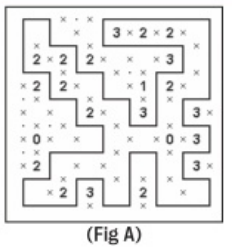
## Joke of the day

What do you get when you cross a lawyer with Godfather?
An offer you can't understand

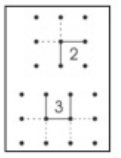
## Loop

### Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



(Fig A)



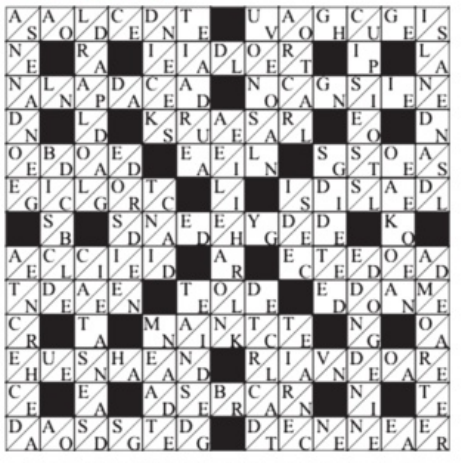
(Fig B)
Not Allowed

### How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)

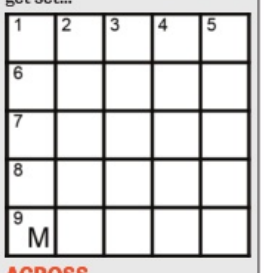
## Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

## Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...




**ACROSS**

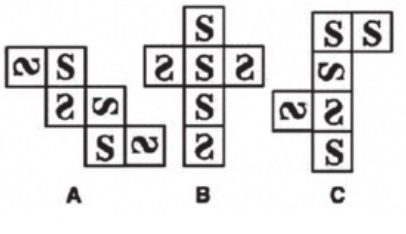
1 Certs; 6 En Che; 7 Canes; 8 Us TNT; 9 Midas

**DOWN**

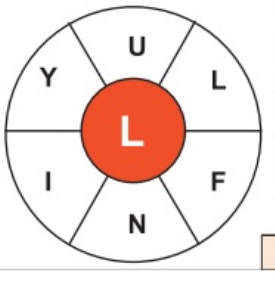
1 Machs; 2 Caret; 3 In une; 4 Send C; 5 Stets

## Mensapuzzle

Here is one cube from 4 different perspectives. When opened it will look like one of the 3 figures. Which one?




## Bull's eye




How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

**04** Average; **05** Good; **07** Outstanding

## SudokuChallenge

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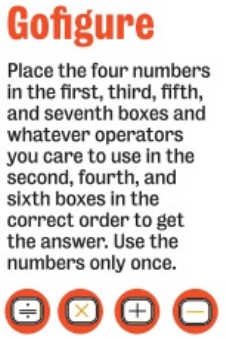
| | 4 | | | 2 | | | 9 | |
| 1 | | 6 | 4 | | 5 | 2 | | 3 |

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

## Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.



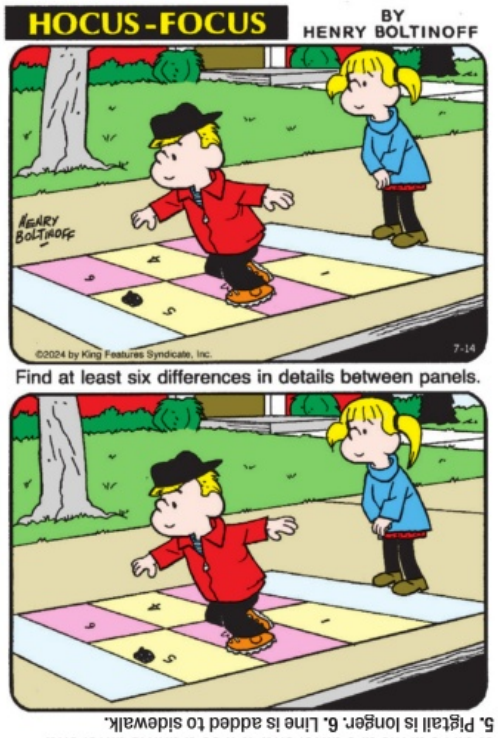
Easy = 11
1 4 7 9

Medium = 12
3 6 6 9

Hard = 6
2 4 8 2

## HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF




Find at least six differences in details between panels.

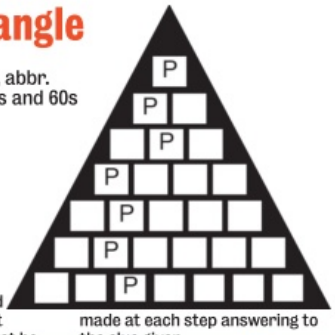
**Differences:** 1. Arm is raised. 2. Rock is moved. 3. Girl's arms are different. 4. Tree trunk is different. 5. Pigtail is longer. 6. Line is added to sidewalk.

## Riddler

Which culinary TV show might have REF MATCHES?

## Alpha triangle

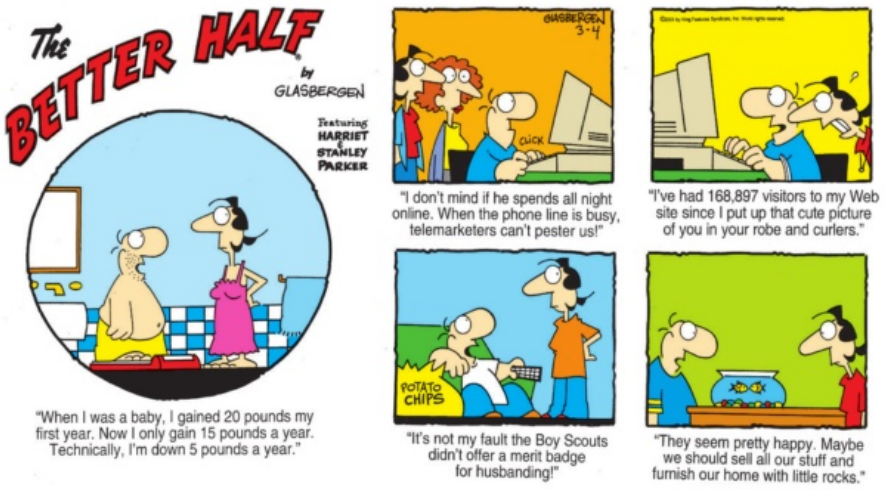
1 16th letter
2 Physical Exercise, abbr.
3 Records of the 50s and 60s
4 Bakery offerings
5 Sagas
6 Highly flavoured
7 Portrays




Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.


DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE »

## COMICS


The BETTER HALF
by GLASBERGEN
Featuring HARRIET & STANLEY PARKER
"When I was a baby, I gained 20 pounds my first year. Now I only gain 15 pounds a year. Technically, I'm down 5 pounds a year."
"I don't mind if he spends all night online. When the phone line is busy, telemarketers can't pester us!"
"I've had 168,897 visitors to my Web site since I put up that cute picture of you in your robe and curlers."
POTATO CHIPS
"It's not my fault the Boy Scouts didn't offer a merit badge for husbanding!"
"They seem pretty happy. Maybe we should sell all our stuff and furnish our home with little rocks."

BABY BLUES
BY RICK KIRKMAN & JERRY SCOTT
ANOTHER LOAD.
YEP.
YOU MUST REALLY LOVE DOING LAUNDRY.
GOLLY! I SURE DO!
THE CONSTANT GATHERING, SORTING, WASHING, AND FOLDING TRULY FEEDS MY SOUL.
ALL THOSE YEARS OF COLLEGE HAVE FINALLY PAID OFF!
YEAH. LIKE SARCASM, BUT FORTIFIED WITH EXTRA SNARK.
THAT'S CALLED "SNARKASM," RIGHT?

NICE OF GARAKAHN'S MEN TO LEAVE BEHIND HIS PERSONAL TRANSPORT.
SURE BEATS WALKING.
FLASH GORDON
FLASH MAKES HIS WAY OVER A SNOWSWEPT FOREST REGION ON THE PLANET MONGO.
SENSORS PICKING UP A LIFE FORM.
BETTER CHECK IT OUT.
HELP ME... PLEASE!
TIM KEEFE 11-13
WHAT HAPPENED? ARE YOU HURT? DEAD... THEY'RE ALL DEAD.
WHO'S DEAD? WE HAVE TO GET OUT OF HERE!
WHAT HAPPENED? WHO'S DEAD? DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND?! WE HAVE TO LEAVE... NOW!
IT'LL BE DARK SOON...
...THEY ALWAYS COME AT NIGHT!
NEXT: SURVIVOR'S TALE!

## WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

**Aries** Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today, with the help of your strong network, you may implement your business plans. You may use your wisdom to gain profits. Harmony is likely in your domestic life, with a good understanding between you and your spouse. Natives related to metal and booking agents will do better.

**Taurus** Apr 21 – May 20
Today, you feel more religious, and you may plan to visit a religious place to find peace of mind. You might donate money to charity or a spiritual place. People around you may receive help and support from you, whether financial or moral. You will enjoy every moment with satisfaction and patience.

**Gemini** May 21 – Jun 21
Today, you may feel dull. You are advised to control your short temper. Your focus will be tested several times, so try to avoid distractions from your goals. It is advised not to invest in worthless things. Love birds are advised to avoid arguments over trivial matters.

**Cancer** Jun 22 – July 23
Today, you are blessed by the moon, and you may make new business plans. Your colleagues may support you in implementing these plans. You may recover stuck money from your clients, which will boost liquidity in your business. However, after the evening, you may feel a bit down, which could affect your sleep.

**Leo** Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today, you have control over your opponents and hidden enemies. A legal decision may come in your favour. Your seniors may appreciate your hard work, and you could receive new responsibilities, such as a promotion. Singles may find their soulmate.

**Virgo** Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today, you may feel happy and plan to buy some creative items that could improve your lifestyle. You may also spend time with friends and family. You might consider making investments in assets. Singles may find a good match, and love birds could enjoy special moments together.

**Libra** Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today, you may be seeking peace of mind, but the moon's blessings can help you stay focused. It is advised to avoid investments in property and other assets. You may experience some happy moments in your domestic life, but avoid arrogance and ego with your spouse. Disputes with your business partner are likely to be resolved.

**Scorpio** Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today, you are blessed by the moon, and your destiny seems to favour you. You may be more energetic and focused on your work, and your hard work could bring success. Your subordinates might be helpful. You are likely to go on a short work-related trip, and good news may come from a sibling. You might also plan to renovate your house or office, where your creativity will be tested.

**Sagittarius** Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today, you may be able to control your spending on unnecessary things, which could increase your savings. You may be more creative, using this creativity at work or at home to enhance your social status. Love birds may receive support from family and friends for marriage.

**Capricorn** Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today, messy situations are now under control, and you may feel peace of mind. You might be able to balance expenditures and earnings, which could increase savings. Avoid too much travelling or overworking, as it might affect your health. Students can start planning for higher studies. Love birds will enjoy their happy moments.

**Aquarius** Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today, you may face some health issues, which could make you impatient. You are advised to control your short temper. Be careful not to spend your hard-earned money on worthless items, as it could affect your savings. Love birds should avoid discussions on trivial topics to prevent potential breakups.

**Pisces** Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today is a good day for business, as you may gain new clients, which will help in terms of profits. Singles are likely to find a good match. In your domestic life, avoid hiding anything from your spouse, as it could create gaps in your relationship. Job seekers might find a new job, and there are chances of promotions in your current position.

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## SOLUTIONS

**SOLVE IN 1M**
(49-(16+32))^40
=(49-16-32)^40
=(49-48)^40
=1^40
=1

**BULL'S EYE**
fill, filly, full, fully, lily, null, NULLIFY

**STRIKE OUT**

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**QUICK**

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**FAST FIVE**

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**RIDDLER** Masterchef

**MENSA PUZZLE**
Figure B is the correct layout.

**QUOTE UNCODE**
There was a definite process by which one mate people into friends, and it involved talking to them and listening to them for hours at a time

**SUDOKU**

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| 9 | 7 | 4 | 6 | 8 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 5 |
| 5 | 3 | 8 | 1 | 9 | 2 | 6 | 4 | 7 |
| 8 | 5 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 9 | 7 | 6 | 4 |
| 7 | 4 | 3 | 8 | 2 | 6 | 5 | 9 | 1 |
| 1 | 9 | 6 | 4 | 7 | 5 | 2 | 8 | 3 |

**ALPHA TRIANGLE**
P, PE, EPs, PIes, EPics, SPiced, DePicts.

**GO FIGURE**
Easy
7 + 9 - 4 - 1 = 11
Medium
6 / 6 x 3 + 9 = 12
Hard
8 / 4 + 2 + 2 = 6

**LOOP**

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